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Information

1. About 1130 on 10 September 1954, two single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, probably Yak-9s but definitely no Il-10s, were parked in front of the southernmost hangar at Doberitz airfield. One biplane was observed in a revetment at the northern edge of the field. The westernmost hangar at the southern edge of the field was closed and guarded by air force sentries armed with submachine guns. Major Petrof (fnu) who was assigned to the workshops stated that ammunition was stored in the hangars. The middle hangar of the three hangars was closed and not guarded by sentries. Four large gray-blue engine crates and several small unpainted crates were observed in front of another closed hangar east of the three hangars. About 100 meters east of the isolated hangar was a transformer to which the airfield lighting facilities were connected. There was no air activity at 1130. 1
2. On 10 September, 4 cubic wooden structures, each about 1.5 x 1.5 meters, were seen near the end of the spur track, at the same point where excavation had been under way some weeks ago. It was assumed that underground fuel containers had been installed since white sand was seen nearby. A small wooden shed was located near the 4 wooden structures. 2
3. The unit of the auditor Senior Lieutenant Panfilov (fnu) was still quartered in the MSK Kaserne formerly occupied by the motor vehicle instruction battalion, and in the eastern section of the Richthofen Kaserne. An air force soldier armed with a carbine was posted at each side of the barrier which blocked the quartering buildings near Building No 54a. On 10 September, Senior Lieutenant Panfilov was not present in the headquarters building. He was replaced by an air force major who stated that Panfilov was on furlough. Colonel Vasilyev (fnu), the unit commander, also was absent. Negotiations were held in the headquarters building No 59 from where air force personnel were seen moving in the billeting area. Some billeting buildings were being cleaned by soldiers.

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4. About noon on 13 September, Editor Ivanov (fnu) was present in headquarters building which was guarded by an air force soldier armed with a submachine gun. There was little activity in the billeting area; it was noted that the EM received theoretical instruction. The chief of the workshops, Kraiyevol, had stated some time ago that the workshop was a training unit. Individual soldiers and small groups of soldiers carrying books were repeatedly seen in the area of the workshops.
5. On 15 September, source conferred with Major Bobrof (fnu), who was the new chief of the workshops. The sound of several propeller engines was heard from the test stands. No railroad cars were observed on the spur track. Major Bobrof stated that the quartering buildings south of Herold Platz still housed the workshops. An air force soldier armed with a submachine gun posted at the entrance gate to the quartering buildings allowed women with baby carriages to pass through the gate. Major Bobrof was in charge of the gun emplacements in which machine guns were observed.
6. Army Major Dubinka (fnu) was responsible for the fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field. Each of the two wooden towers was occupied by a sentry wearing black epauletts. Since the fuel dump was near the workshop, it was supplied with fuel of its own, the chief of the workshop no longer being responsible for the current consumption of the dump.
7. On 15 September, a colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Desvigne, chief of the park, and in the presence of Major Dubinka, Lieutenant Colonel Desvigne, the colonel where drums were being made from the workshop, were subsequently hauled to the park.
8. On 15 September, no activity was observed in connection with Unit Pancake which was housed in the buildings on Thaelmann Platz.
9. Between 15 and 24 September, B-2s repeatedly crossed over the field coming from the south. The use of engines was occasionally heard from the test stands on the northern and southern edges of the field. Trucks were observed.
10. Between 20 and 24 September, some billets in the Richtofen Kaserne, including building No 16, were unexpectedly being prepared. Double decker beds arrived in the barracks installation. Vehicles employed included trucks. Activity in the installation still consisted of instruction in training and athletic. Some groups of 30 to 40 men and machines and carrying practice targets were seen marching through barracks installations to the training field. Some officers were observed for the first time in the guardhouse at the southern entrance gate to the barracks installation. 1
11. Between 25 and 27 September, no change of occupation was observed in the barracks. Athletic activity was rather intensive. Officers with the black insignia on their right breast were repeatedly seen going by bicycle from the field to the barracks installations. 3

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12. During the morning on 28 September, 18 single-engine aircraft were parked at the northern edge of the field. On 28 and 29 September, air activity was conducted within the visibility range. A formation of 12 aircraft was once observed aloft.

On 28 September, 30 flight personnel were quartered in the Richthofen Kaserne. On 29 September, personnel of the air unit marched from the NSKK Kaserne to the field. An air force general, who had arrived in sedan [redacted] inspected the field. Two AA gun emplacements in the western section of the field were occupied. Jeep [redacted] was repeatedly seen moving from the billets on Herold Platz to the airfield.

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13. On the afternoon of 25 September, a TKV-45 DF station was observed in the western section of the field. It was connected to the field by a wire suspended on stationary poles. During the evening hours, the noise of engines was heard from the direction of the hangars. Trucks [redacted] moved into the air force barracks installations.

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14. At 1330 on 25 September, 10 single-engine aircraft were parked at the field. At 1335, 9 aircraft of the same type landed there. On 30 September, 15 to 20 single-engine aircraft with yellow propeller hubs and yellow upper edges on their rudder assemblies were parked on the landing field. [redacted] motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in the southwestern corner and at the western edge of the field where they were camouflaged against view from the air. At least 4 x 37-mm AA guns were emplaced in the northwestern section of the field. A TKV-45 DF station was located at the western edge of the installation.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Since 28 September 1954, in connection with the fall maneuvers, Doberitz airfield has temporarily been occupied by IL-10s from the ground attack regiment in Brandenburg-Friest [redacted]. The [redacted] pertaining personnel were quartered in the Richthofen Kaserne. The airfield is usually not occupied by an air unit, but it is used by courier aircraft of type Po-2.

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2. [redacted] Comment. For some time, excavation work has been observed in the area east of the hangars located at the southern edge of the field and near the fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field. It is possible that the storage capacity of the field is to be increased.

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3. [redacted] Comment. No change was observed with regard to the personnel and employment of the units quartered in the barracks installations. The officers mentioned are known. Bobrof, who succeeded Kravtsov as chief of the workshops, and Nesvershi, chief of the artillery equipment park, are reported for the first time. Kravtsov was reportedly transferred to an unidentified place in June 1954.

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